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FOR ANDERSON FROM PICKERING

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECVISIT - PRESS ARRANGEMENTS AQABA

REF: (A) RUEADWW 131610Z JAN 75 (B) AMMAN 1103

1. APPRECIATE SPECIAL NATURE YOUR PROBLEMS (REF A) AND BE ASSURED WE ARE DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT PROBLEMS.
2. TELEX: WHILE THIS WAS AVAILABLE DURING LAST RRIP, DEPT THROUGH JORDANIAN MILITARY HAS PRE-EMPTED ALL AQABA LINES FOR SECRETARY'S COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE JUST NO OTHER LINES AVAILABLE AND PETER SALAH MININFO HAS LOOKED INTO THIS PARTICULARLY. IN ADDITION, ALL AQABA LINES HAVE JUST GONE OUT (HEAVY SNOW EN ROUTE) AND IN THIS SEASON CIRCUIT IS HIGHLY UNRELIABLE.
3. COURIER: AS REFTEL (B) MAKES CLEAR WE ARE PLANNING TO PIGGYBACK PRESS MATERIAL ON PLANE BEING MADE AVAILABLE BY JORDAN AIR FORCE TO MOVE BULK OF SECRETARY'S COMMUNICATIONS. IF PRESS ABOARD AIRCRAFT DOES NOT WISH TO MOVE THEIR TELEX COPY WITH WEBSTER OF CBS (REFTEL B) JAMES CALLAGHAN, ACTING PAO WILL COLLECT IT AND ARRANGE TO HAND IT TO MARINE COURIER ABOARD RJAF AIRCRAFT TO BE THEN TRANSMITTED BY TELEX FROM AMMAN UNDER SUPERVISION OF PAO HERE. HOOKER IS CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT THAT TELEX IN AMMAN HAS TO BE PAID FOR-NO CREDIT CARDS

HONORED, AND I AM CHAGRINED TO SAY THAT WE ARE STILL TRYING TO COLLECT TELEX BILLS FROM NOVEMBER TRIP FROM TRAVELLING PRESS GUARANTEED IN AQABA BY PAO. WEBSTER WILL HAVE TO BRING FUNDS TO PAY FOR TELX. ALTERNATIVELY WE WILL PHONE COLLECT STORIES WHICH PRESS WANTS TRANSMITTED FROM HERE PER REFTEL B. IT WOULD HELP IF PRESS BEFORE LEAVING JERUSALEM COULD GREASE SKIDS ON PHONE CALLS WITH WHOMEVER WE ARE TO PASS STORIES TO IN US SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO HOLD UP ON ACCEPTING CALLS. COURIER AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART AQABA ABOUT 17:15. SECRETARY MEETS KING AT RESIDENCE (PHOTO OPPORTUNITY) SHORTLY AFTER SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT 15:45. PRESUME THIS WILL SATISFY NEEDS OF TV TYPES TO GET FILM TO AMMAN. SINCE SPACE ON AIRCRAFT LIMITED WE CAN ONLY FIT IN ONE BILL PAYER ON BEHALF OF GROUP, ALTHOUGH IF THERE IS PRESSURE FOR ONE OR TWO MORE WE WILL TALK AGAIN TO RJAF. SECOND AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR 0530 AM, FEB 15 DEPARTURE AQABA TO AMMAN FOR A ADDITIONAL COPY IF NEEDED.

3. HOPE THIS IS HELPFUL. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK WE CAN DO.
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